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SUBJECT: CUBANS AND SOVIETS IN ETHIOPIA
REF: A. STATE 08884, B. BERLIN 0018, C. 77BERLIN 9128.

1. SOMALIA AMBASSADOR TO GDR HASHI CALLED ON ME
JANUARY 18 AND BRIEFED ME ALONG LINES INFO IN REF A.
IN ADDITION TO RAUL CASTRO, HASHI SAID SOVIET DEPUTY
DEFENSE MINISTER WAS ALSO IN ETHIOPIA. HE THOUGHT
ETHIOPIANS, SOVIETS AND CUBANS WERE PREPARING FOR AN
OFFENSIVE AGAINST SOMALIA THAT WOULD HAVE A BEARING ON
RED SEA AND INDIAN OCEAN SECURITY. HE REITERATED
SOMALIA'S NEED FOR DEFENSIVE WEAPONS.

2. HASHI ALSO INFORMED ME THAT SAID BARRE HAD
PUBLICLY CALLED FOR NEGOTIATIONS AS SUGGESTED BY
PRESIDENT CARTER IN HIS JANUARY 12 NEWS CONFERENCE.

3. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF HASHI ON MY TALK
WITH GDR POLITBURO MEMBER LAMBERZ REPORTED REF B.
HASHI SAID HE CONTINUES TO EXPRESS CONCERN TO SOVIET
AMBASSADOR ABRASSIMOV, WHO ARGUES THAT SOVIETS ARE
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